

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action of July 6, 2007, in which claims 1-5, 8-12, 15-19 and 22-26 are presently pending. Of those, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 7,155,425 to Nykanen, in view of U.S. Patent 6,985,939 to Fletcher, et al. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 10, 17 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

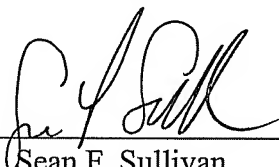
The subject matter of allowable claims 3, 10, 17 and 24 (now cancelled) has been incorporated into their respective independent claims 1, 8, 15 and 22, thereby placing each of the currently pending claims in condition for allowance. In addition, claim 16 has been amended to correct a typographical error contained therein.

The Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a continuation application in order to pursue the subject matter and scope of the previously pending claims prior to the present amendment, which is now filed for the purpose of expeditiously advancing the prosecution and allowance of the indicated allowable subject matter.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered. If any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0510 maintained by Applicants' assignee.

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